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Title: Therapeutic Applications of High Dose Interferon

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 10, 1999, Applicant hereby requests reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 6, 13 and 17-33 are pending. The present invention is directed to methods of treating a neoplastic condition sensitive to interferon. The cited prior art reference fails to suggest the use of high dose interferon to treat a neoplastic condition.

Rejection under 35 USC §103 of claims 6, 13 and 17-33

Claims 6, 13 and 17-33 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato et al., U.S. Patent 4,605,555 (hereinafter "Sato"). Sato allegedly teaches the oromucosal